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## PRESS DECRIES WOOLLCOTT DECISION

**Newspapers Feel That Defeat of "Times" Critic Threatens Freedom.**

**STATE LAW MAY BE AMENDED**

The press and the public of New York State have not been slow to grasp the significance of the recent decision of the Court of Appeals upholding the Shubert Theatrical Syndicate, who excluded Alexander H. Woollcott '09, dramatic critic of the New York "Times," from their theatres.

Press opinions on the decision more than justify Mr. Woollcott's case. Altho the fight for "dramatic criticism divorced from managerial influence" did not win out in court, leading newspapers deplore the decision which gives theatrical managers the right to exclude critics who say what they think of the drama. Since last Spring, when Mr. Woollcott's unfavorable criticism of Shubert productions caused his ejection from their theatres, the "Times" has stood loyally behind him, refusing Shubert advertising amounting to $30,000 annually.

The "Evening Post" comments: "By this decision the Court of Appeals has supplied the business men of the theatre with a weapon which they can only use to their own hurt. * * * * Where prejudice can be established, public opinion would not justify an assault on legitimate business. But the public will rarely be convinced that such prejudice exists, and the only impression will be that the managers are afraid to subject their productions to the test of outspoken criticism. On the mere ground of expediency it would seem that a severe critic would be of distinct commercial advantage to the managers, because of the importance of favorable criticism from such a source when it does come."

**Woollcott Fully Justified.**

The Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" defends Woollcott on the ground that he could not have done otherwise without breaking faith with his newspaper, which expects him to say what he thinks. "As the situation stands now this newly established right of exclusion may be exercised by any theatrical manager against any dramatic critic who publishes a criticism in the slightest degree unfavorable to the manager. It is a dangerous power. It is bound to react in public opinion against those who exercise it."

The Springfield "Republican" asserts that the moral victory of the case is not with the Managers, saying "there is no ground for doubt that

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## *Dates Being Set For Interacademic Contests*

The plans that are being made this year for the preliminary and the final Interscholastic Speaking Contests of the College indicate that the participation will be more general and the contests better and more successful than ever before. There will be seven and possibly eight preliminary contests, most of them held about the end of April, and then the final contest in the Chapel on Inter-Academic Day, the 13th of May at 11:00 a. m.

As in former years, the winners of preliminary contests and also several of those getting second place, will be invited to speak in the final contest in Clinton. The only change in the rules of the contests is that instead of a limit of 500 words a time limit of five minutes will be set for each speaker.

**Preliminary Contests.**

Below is a list of the preliminary contests, the date when known and the names of the Alumni promoting the affair in each case:

Utica: "Phebe" Williams '08.

Troy: April 29, Neil K. White '98.

Mount Vernon: April 27, Robert C. McGregor '97, A. B. Davis '78.

Brooklyn, Rev. Alex. Wouters '93.

Newark, N. J.: April 28, C. D. Wheelock '13.

Rochester: April 28, E. K. Van Allen '02.

Binghamton: F. W. Welsh '92.

Syracuse: Dounce '10, Erskine '12.

The Syracuse contest is not sure yet.

### INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

—Yale students have taken another step for a greater preparedness by establishing an aerial corps in connection with the Yale Battalion of Artillery. Instructors have been secured from the Connecticut Air Craft Company. A sabre team has also been added to the fencing department.

—Eleven Harvard men have left for the front in Europe to serve on the ambulance corps. Eight have received commissions.

—Cornell has passed a rule prohibiting Freshmen from attending college dances or other entertainments.

—The University of Pennsylvania is planning to build a new stadium, which will seat from 75,000 to 100,000 people. This will be done in conjunction with the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and provision will be made to hold the annual Army-Navy football game there in future. Franklin Field does not furnish sufficient seating capacity.

—Bedenkapp '12, and Woodcock '15, have become members of the Dwight Chapter of Phi Delta Phi at the New York Law School.

## HAMILTON CONTRIBUTES TO MARJORIE'S BATTLESHIP

**Whole College Joins in Subscription After Unanimous Vote. Eighteen Dollars Raised.**

**SECOND COLLEGE TO ACT.**

**N. Y. U. Starts Movement Among Students to Support Fund.**

**ACTION TAKEN LAST THURSDAY**

Undergraduate Hamilton has officially pledged itself to the cause of preparedness, if there is any value in symbols. The south-bound mail last Friday bore Hamilton's official contribution to Marjorie's Battleship Fund, the fund which the New York "Tribune" is raising by popular subscription for the construction of a United States battleship, to be named the "America."

More than that, the action of the College was taken with the underlying purpose of leading other colleges and universities to express their support of the policy of thorough preparedness by making similar contributions. The amount of the contributions is nominal, but their collective effect is vital in its significance.

**N. Y. U. Takes Like Action.**

By a coincidence not so remarkable, for it merely bore witness to the views of college students in all parts of the nation, the undergraduate body of New York University took like action at almost the same time At N. Y. U. the resolution passed by the students called only for individual contributions instead of for unanimous action, but the purpose of the resolution was the same.

The contribution of ten cents to the fund by every undergraduate on the Hill followed a vote of the College taken after Chapel on Thursday morning. Pres. Nichols of the Senior Class, after describing the purpose of the fund, proposed that Hamilton make a collective contribution in the name of the College. When a rising vote was called for, every man came promptly to his feet. A committee was at once appointed of one man in each delegation to collect the money, and by the end of the day eighteen dollars, representing the 180 students now enrolled, was in the hands of the committee.

On Friday this amount was forwarded to the "Tribune," together with a letter, given in full above, expressing the purpose of the College in making the contribution. This purpose is indeed already being fulfilled. The passage at N. Y. U. of the resolution calling for contributions resulted Wednesday in the raising of twenty dollars for the fund among the faculty and students of

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**THE LETTER.**

Clinton, N. Y.
March 10, 1916.

The New York "Tribune."
Gentlemen:

Enclosed find draft for eighteen dollars, the contribution of Hamilton College to Marjorie's Battleship Fund. Not a very large amount in itself, yet it represents a contribution from every one of the 180 students in the College. It is the result of the unanimous vote of the undergraduates to support the "Tribune's" preparedness movement, taken after Chapel exercises on Thursday morning.

In making this contribution our idea and hope is that it may be only the beginning of a movement among the colleges of the entire country to support the fund. The colleges contain the class of men who will be called upon to furnish officers for our forces in case of war. We believe that the American undergraduate is heart and soul behind the movement for preparedness, and we can see no better method by which he can make known his sentiments than by helping to make Marjorie's battleship an actuality—a living monument to popular patriotism.

Since taking this action,we have been glad to see that spirit evidenced by the simultaneous action of New York University. If all the colleges can be persuaded to enter the movement, there will be a powerful force working for it.

May their response be ready!

(Signed) L. Heyl Nichols,
Pres. of Senior Class.

—A fine tribute was paid Chester S. Lord '73, for many years managing editor of the "Sun," and now president of the Sun Alumni Association, by the members of the Association on the recent occasion of their twelfth annual dinner. The tribute was a poem entitled "The Boss," recalling memories of days gone by when they had worked under him. An interesting feature of the evening was a telephone message to San-Francisco, Mr. Lord conversing with Mayor Rolph of that city.

—Manager Jones of track has received a signed contract from Trinity for the meet here on May 27.

—The English Lit Club met Thursday evening at Chi Psi Lodge. Crumb read a paper on Maeterlinck and Groves one on Synge.

—This evening Prof. W. B. Marsh delivers a lecture in Holland Patent on "Some Modern English Poets, with Selected Readings."

# TRACK ATHLETES ON THEIR TOES THESE DAYS

**Hard Work Has Begun for Relay Squad. Training Table to Start Soon.**

## RISLEY EXPECTS GOOD SEASON

"On your mark! Get set! Go!" rings the voice of Capt. Heyl Nichols and the 18 relay candidates are off for their daily workout on the indoor track. On the advice of Coach Floyd Risley no speed trials or competitive work have been held as yet, but starts, a short jog, and work on the weights make up the daily routine.

The men are gradually shaking out the kinks and rounding into shape, and ought to be in the best possible condition to take to the cinders as soon as the weather permits. "An early spring with a dry track by April 1st," prophesies "Floyd," the blizzards of the past week notwithstanding. Capt. Nichols plans to hold the relay tryouts several days before the Easter recess. The five men who make up the team will remain on the Hill thru vacation, as the Philadelphia meet occurs April 29, the Saturday before College reopens.

A training table for the first squad will be started the last of the week, and only those who are doing hard, regular work, will be taken on. Capt. Nichols, Shields, and Boyce of last year's team are working with the squad; Gilbert is out temporarily with a bad foot, but expects to be back in a few days. A series of slight operations has prevented Squires from reporting, and it is doubted if he will be out in time for the relay competition. He promises to be back, however, for the regular season. Jessup and Moore '18, who were strong competitors for positions last season, are showing up well, and several 1919 men appear to "have the goods." Eighteen men have reported: Capt. Nichols, Shields, Boyce, Gilbert, M. Gow, Jessup, Moore '18, Colridge, Burritt, Flesh, Hill, Parmelee, Perkins, Reed, Chester, Valentine, and Welsh.

Coach Risley expects to visit the Hill again later in the week, and a call for regular candidates will be issued. From then on practice will be held three or four times a week until outdoor work starts. By that time Bursar Coughlin promises to enlist the services of a Utica engineer to widen and otherwise improve the track.

**Coach Risley's Forecast.**

When asked for his opinion on the 1916 outlook, "Floyd" prophesied success in his usual optimistic way:

"Barring accidents and a run of hard luck such as the team experienced last year, I am not worrying over our relay chances. I do not believe in boasts, but I am confident of a good showing at Penn. It is too soon to discuss the regular track team, but with the veteran material and the showing which the Freshmen made last Fall, we are sure to have a strong squad to pick from. We will miss Lee and Potter in the sprints and Higbie in the hurdles, but with men to fill these vacancies our team will be fairly well balanced."

The Coach will visit the Hill weekly until outdoor work starts, and the Captain will have charge on other days. His only plea is for more men: "We want 40 candidates for the regular team, with at least 15 Freshmen."

## DEATH OF DR. FOSTER ELY, '58.

**Was Friend of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee.**

Rev. Dr. Foster Ely '58, a retired Protestant Episcopal clergyman, died at his home in Stamford, Conn., on March 8, in his 80th year. He was a native of Watertown, N. Y., and after graduating from Hamilton in 1858, practised law in Mississippi until the Civil War. Here he met Jefferson Davis and was a personal friend of Robert E. Lee. After the outbreak of the war, Dr. Ely secured the position of chaplain in the Confederate Army, and was severely wounded while serving in the Peninsular Campaign.

In 1864, Dr. Ely was ordained in the Episcopal Church and became a curate at St. John's Church, Mobile. After the war he came north, serving as rector of the Church of the Holy Name, Kingston, N. Y., and later at Lockport.

—Hugh Boone '12, is with the Goodyear Rubber Company at Akron, Ohio.


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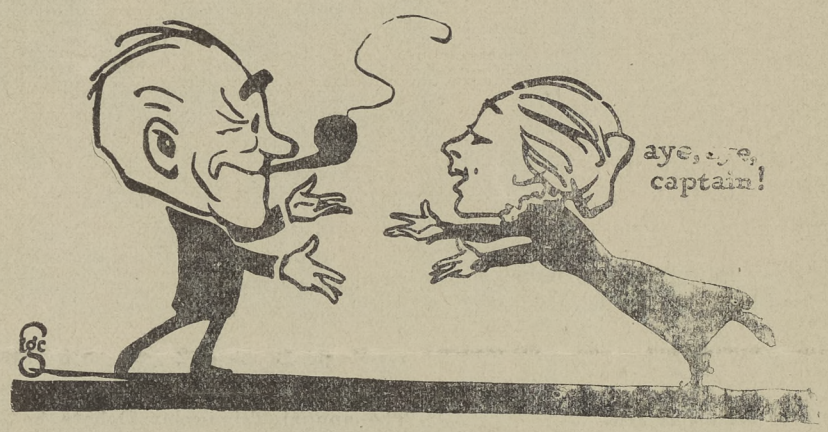


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## EDITORIAL.

### Marjorie Makes A Hit.

"I am true blue American, and I want to see Uncle Sam prepared to lick all creation like John Paul Jones did."

Those are words from the pen of little thirteen-year-old Marjorie Sterrett that have stirred the City of New York, and many other persons, including naval and military men, to a realization of what live-wire preparedness means. Hamilton, tho conceiving the idea independently, was the second college to enlist its support for Marjorie's cause. New York University has taken up a propaganda for bringing other institutions into line. A bill has been introduced into Congress asking that her fund be accepted for battleship-building.

The story of Marjorie Sterrett is one of the most interesting that has appeared recently in New York news papers. The young lady, whose grandfather and great-grandfather were soldiers, was keenly aware that all the pother about preparedness was not bringing results. With something akin to the spirit of the John Paul Jones whom she so much admires, she saved the ten cents which represents her weekly salary for helping mother, and with a letter explaining that it was to start a fund for building a battleship, sent it to the New York "Tribune." The "Tribune" took up the campaign actively, and thousands all over the country now know of Marjorie Sterrett and have contributed.

Perhaps it was a natural sequel to the Plattsburg enthusiasm which gave rise to the plan for having Hamilton join in the battleship campaign. The attitude of the Alumni on preparedness is well known, and no better indication of the position of the undergraduates could be offered than this whole-hearted response to Marjorie's cause.

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### More Competition.

In the new Catalog occur the following items on the list of prize awards and scholarships for the past year:

Locke Fellowship, no award.
Pruyn Medal Oration, no competition.
Soper Thesis Prize, no competition
Tower Prize in Spanish, no award.
Curran Silver Medal, no award.
Hawley Classical Medals, no award.
Maynard Entrance Prize, no award.

Five prizes in which there was no award, and two cases where there was not even a competition! And this does not tell the story of the other prizes for which the competition was not what it should have been.

Such a list of lost opportunities is to be sure an old story, but there is no good reason for its continuing. It is not caused by any lack of ability among the students. How many of the present gay young Sophomores are planning to hand in Sophomore essays? How many of the socially or pokerly inclined Juniors will be willing to devote a litle of their time to writing on the Winter Oration topic next year?

The prize contests, aside from the honor and the value of the prizes, offer an opportunity for self-training in writing or speaking which should not be neglected by the eligible men.

## DEBATE COMES MARCH 23.

The annual Triangular Debate between Bowdoin, Hamilton and Wesleyan will take place a week from Thursday. At that time, McLouth, Griffith and Swan will oppose the Bowdoin debaters in the Chapel,while the affirmative team, composed of Aldrich, Young, and Pope, will uphold the Garrison Plan against the Wesleyan team at Middletown, Conn.

The first of a series of conferences of the teams with the Debate Council, at which arguments are discussed, talked over and arranged, was held last Saturday afternoon. The members of the team favor further debate this year, but nothing definite has been decided about the matter.

## LIBRARY BOOKS OVERDUE.

Last year the rule was instituted under the Honor System that all men having library books in their possession should return them immediately upon finishing them or at least when a notice at the end of two weeks was sent them. Prof. Ibbotson calls attention to the fact that this honor rule has been constantly violated. There are at present more than eighty overdue books out, some of them drawn last term and many of them desired by other men. A student who wishes to keep a book longer than two weeks should declare his intention when he draws the book, or have it renewed.

—The Freshman basketball team is negotiating for games with Lowville Academy and Rome Free Academy. They received an offer from Buffalo University Freshmen.

## QUARTET HAS HAD MANY DATES.

On Friday night the College Quartet made its final appearance of the season, when it treated 300 residents of Camden to a varied program of song and instrumental music. The entertainment was held in the parlors of the Congregational Church for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., and a full house greeted their efforts. "Cal" did the monologuing, and his rendition of "Dan McGrew" would have flattered our own Wm. Nelson. Clayt Weed and Bill Calkins brought down the house with a ukaleelee and singing guitar duet, and "Sweet Miss Mary" as usual, struck terror to the hearts of several in the audience.

The Camden concert was the last of a series of nine appearances in nearby towns which were arranged by Paul Williams '08, in the interest of the College Growth Committee. The first concert was in Johnstown the night before Thanksgiving, and since then entertainments have been given at Port Leyden, Hudson Falls, Herkimer (twice), Guilford, Utica (twice), and Norwich. The majority of these were held in high schools, and 'Phoeb' believes that they have started a number of men on their way to the Hill.

## PROF. LEWIS COMPLETES HANDBOOK.

Prof. Lewis has completed the writing of "A Handbook of American Speech," which is to be published for him by Scott, Foresman & Co., of Chicago. The work is a discussion of elementary vocal technique that will be of value to High School teachers especially in vocal training and speaking drill. The book is expected to be out soon after the first of April. It will consist of about two-hundred and fifty pages and will be well illustrated.

—Last Friday Prof. Lewis went to Ilion to speak to the teachers of Herkimer County. On Saturday the 18th he expects to address the teachers of Saratoga County at Mechanicsville.

—On Sunday occurred the death of Rev. Frank B. Severance '87, at his home in Remsen. Mr. Severance was a prominent minister of the Northern New York Methodist Conference and an ardent Prohibitionist. He held many charges in nearby towns before ill-health forced his retirement two years ago.

—Clinton Scollard '81' will be one of the guests at the Poets Dinner, to be given at the Hotel Astor tomorrow, when scores of writers of verse will dine together. John Masefield, who is about to return to England after an extended tour in this country, will be the guest of honor.

—Freshman candidates for assistant manager of football are asked to hand their names to acting-Manager Griffin. Those who have already done so are Bratton, Parmelee and Reed.

—Candidates for assistant-manager of track are Archer, Clegg, Dayton and Wheeler.

—Charles Root '12, is with the Converse Coal and Supply Co., of Binghamton, N. Y.

—The New York Sunday Times contained an article by Woollcott '09 on Shakespeare.

# Spice o' Life.

Supe: You're not a militarist, are you, Bristol?

"Why not?"

"Because you are never prepared."

That man J. Thompson does have the worst scrapes.

Hud Covert allows that he always enjoys a meal at the Richmond during the cold weather. The windows are frosted over then.

### Our Own Noah Webster, Abridged.

Prex (in Ethics): What is matter, Bergner?

Bergner: ?

Prex: Never mind. Groves, what is mind?

Groves: ! !

Prex: No matter.

(Awed and respectful silence.)

### Byron Up-to-Date.

When the Russians were defeated way back in the last century, Lord Byron suaved the comment: "No wonder, they eat nothing but oil, and melt under a hard fire."

### Carracho!

Chauncey Bright-Eyes: "How much are your ten cent chocolate bars?"

Our Own St. Patrick: "Five cents a half-a-cake!"

Chub allows as how all the greatest living poets are dead.

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Geoff doesn't know what to do with his spare time since the Ad. went back to Broadway.

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that institution. Following that action, a student committee was appointed to communicate with other universities in the endeavor to interest them in the movement. A circular letter was later drawn up and sent out to the editors of the college newspapers, and the presidents of the student bodies in a number of institutions. The movement among the colleges now bids fair to become nation-wide in extent.

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the right claimed by the management is conferred by the existing statutes of the State of New York. The moral victory is not with the Shuberts, however, and they should remember that their attempts to suppress the honest expression of opinion in the press may eventually arouse public resentment.''

According to the decision of the court, a theatrical manager may now exclude from his house anyone whom he pleases, provided that the exclusion is not on account of race, color, or creed. The law does not require him to admit all orderly persons.

The New York ''Globe'' editorializes as follows: ''The decision is not one over which theatrical managers, when cool, will rejoice. If the rule of only admitting critics who can be relied on to write favorable notices were generally followed, it would have a highly injurious effect on box-office receipts. Public confidence in the merits of a manager or a performance would not be promoted by posting a sign reading 'No one admitted here who has disliked any of our offerings and who has said so.' Freedom of criticism is a great stimulator of theatrical attendance. So we don't think there is much danger that managers as a rule will take advantage of their privilege under the law. Such action would be directly against their pecuniary interests.

''It is proposed to amend the law so as to prohibit the exclusion of any orderly person. But such a law is difficult to draw, and the general right to discriminate among customers exists. Perhaps to the clause providing against exclusion on account of race, color or creed might be added the words, 'Or any person because he has said that the show is rotten, or that another show of the producer is rotten.' ''

The contest between the ''Times'' and the Shuberts began last year, when the management of Shubert theatres refused to admit Mr. Woollcott to their productions on the ground that unfavorable criticisms printed in the columns of the ''Times'' had been due to prejudice. ''The Times'' thereupon applied for an injunction to gain free admittance for their critic, and the case was carried before the courts.

The decision handed down by the Court of Appeals last month can be reversed only by amendment of the State law. A bill proposing the amendment has already been introduced in the Legislature.

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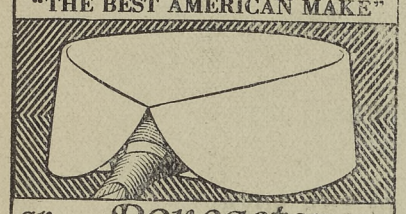

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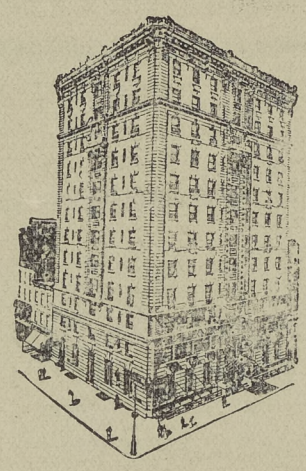

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## PIONEERS MAY ESTABLISH BRANCHES IN WESTERN CITIES

**Chicago and Denver Interested in the Organization. Boy Scouts Aid to Form East Orange Troops.**

Interest in the Pioneer movement is daily spreading farther and farther afield. Denver, Los Angeles and Chicago are among the cities which have signified their intense interest in the movement and have requested fuller information concerning it. Speakers will visit all the places practicable, and the others will be reached thru the mails. Huntsman and Jessup '18 spoke at Auburn last night before the Parent Teachers' Association of the Lincoln School of that city.

The spread of the organization of the Pioneers of America has been indeed very wide during the past week. In Orange, New Jersey, one fullfledged troop has been organized and promises have been received that there will be at least four more in two weeks. In this case the Boy Scout Organization is the moving factor in the institution of Pioneer troops. From Scranton, Pa., Chicago, and Denver, urgent letters have been received, asking for more particular details and evincing the most vital interest. In Los Angeles the Scouts and the Board of Education are heartily in favor of the new organization and are furthering the efforts of the Pioneers to a considerable extent.

**Auburn Again Visited.**

Last evening Auburn was visited by representatives of the Pioneers for the second time; Jessup '18 gave the main address before nearly three hundred people under the auspices of the Parent Teachers' Association of the Lincoln School, one of the three largest in Central New York. The movement has met with great favor in Auburn, and the city promises to be a Pioneer stronghold. Huntsman introduced a new feature last night, when he had one of the Clinton Pioneers speak at the meeting. He was an effective feature, presenting forcibly the boy's side of the situation.

Further trips will be made in the near future to various parts of the state and elsewhere, in the endeavor to encourage the rapid growth of the organization by bringing its advantages before as many districts as possible.

The new monthly paper, "The Pioneer-Scout," has made its first appearance with a circulation of 10,000 copies in the cities of Utica, Syracuse, Geneva, Cortland, and Auburn. Its editor-in-chief, Mr. B. T. Burlingham of Auburn, and Kimball, '16, have been appointed special publicity agents for the organization.

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—Claud V. Smith '04, died at his home in Utica on March 6 after an illness of several months. Mr. Smith had been practising law in Utica since 1906, when he was admitted to the bar. The degree of M. A. was conferred on him by the College in 1907. He was a member of Delta Upsilon.

## 1916 Meets 1917, 1918 vs. 1919, As Interclass Contest Begins

**Sophomores and Juniors Victorious In First Round of Fight for College Championship**

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| Theta Delt, | 2 | 6 | 250 |
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The scattered ends of the intercrowd basketball season were disposed of last week to make way for the Interclass contest which closes basketball activities for the winter. The forfeiting of many of the last games changed the league standings little, the Dekes coming thru with a clean slate, while D. U. held second and Alpha Delt third place.

The grand finale of the basketball season began in a cloud of dust last night, when Senior met Junior and Soph met Frosh on the floor of Soper Gymnasium

The victors in the two games played last night will clash on Thursday night in the championship game. Last year 1917 defeated 1918 in the deciding round by the margin of 16 to 9, after having disposed of 1916 in the preliminaries, 13-10.

**Makeup of Class Teams**

The makeup of the teams of the three upper classes is practically the same as last season, and the Juniors have again had the most practice in preliminary matches, a fact which was probably the deciding factor a year ago. They carry the scalps of U. F. A., Clarks Mills, and Newport High School.

The Junior lineup includes three men of the Deke champion quintet, who have played together all season, and have their passwork down to a science. They are Donohue and Donoghue, who fill guard positions, and Brockway, who plays center. The other regulars of the team are Capt. Behan, one of the fastest forwards in College, and Pendleton.

The Seniors, while individually stars, suffer from their lack of practice. Pope, captain of the team, and McLouth play the forward positions Banks will jump center, while Paige and Griffith make two unshakable guards.

The Sophomore team has also done a bit of pre-season work, trimming up Rome Free Academy by an 8-6 score. They line-up with Root, center, ter, Fursman and Powers, forwards, and Griffith and Russell guards.

In spite of lightness and lack of experience, the Freshman five are fighters, and three of their players, Morrow and Parmelee, forwards, and Pape, guard, have shown up well in interfraternity games. Riley plays center and Welch the other guard.

Last Friday the Juniors traveled to Newport, where they played a team composed of students and ex-students of Newport High School. After a fast game, in which there was much good shooting, they came off victorious with a score of 55 to 44.

**Intercrowd Season Ends.**

During the past week Interfraternity basketball games have been completed, those games not played off being forfeited. Two weeks ago, the Dekes had cinched the cup, but there was still considerable spirit left in many of the teams to see who should fill the second and third places. The D. U.s defeated the Emersonians with the score 37-12. The Psi U.s won their first game by whipping the Neutrals 38-5, and then were themselves defeated by the D. U.s, 22-6, and yet once more by the Alpha Delts, 25-14. The Theta Delts, who were unable to play on account of two of their men being disabled, had to forfeit many of their games.

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**LAST NIGHT'S GAMES**

With the largest crowd of the season looking on, the Sophs and Frosh began to tear each other up last night, opening up the fastest team-play seen this season. Powers' eye was eagle-like for foul baskets, with Fursman helping out in the field. Parmelee did most of the work for the Freshmen. Score at end of first half, 15-11 in favor of the Sophomores. Final score, 33-19.

The line-up: 1918: Fursman and Colridge, forwards; Root, center; Russell and Griffith, guards.

1919: Morrow and Parmelee, forwards; Riley, center; Pape and Welsh, guards.

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**Seniors vs. Juniors**

The line-up: Seniors: Pope and McLouth, forwards; Banks, center; Paige and Griffith, guards.

Juniors: Pendleton and Behan, forwards; Brockway, center; Donohue and Donoghue, guards.

The Seniors drew first blood, but the game was neck and neck. Pope and McLouth did the scoring for 1916, while Behan and Brockway starred for 1917. The Juniors' perfect team-work brought them to the front at the close of the first half, 13 to 11.

The second half was fast and furious. The Seniors, after substituting Higgins at guard for Griffith and putting Griffith at center in place of Banks, managed to tie the score. Then Pendleton got two fouls and the Juniors forged ahead again. Director Myers called several fouls in the last few minutes of play, by the aid of which 1917 maintained the lead. The final score was 24 to 20.

## MYERS MAKES SELECTION OF ALL-FRATERNITY TEAMS

**McLouth, Behan, Brockway, Donohue, and Paige Take First Places.**

**CHOICE A DIFFICULT ONE.**

McLouth and Behan, forwards; Brockway, center; and W. E. Donohue, Griffith '16, guards. This is Prof. A. H. Myers' choice for the 1916 All-Fraternity basketball team. The team with which each man played the season was considered in making this choice, as well as individual brilliancy. For the second team, Prof. Myers selects Root and Pope as forwards, Banks as center, and Higgins and Paige. as guards.

The above arrangement is a slight shake-up from the selection made last year, which played Banks, Higgins and Paige on the first team, and included Fulton and Griffith '16 on the second five. The choices are made however with due allowance for the opportunities each man has had to make use of his ability, and not judging entirely by actual results.

"There are many cases," says Prof. Myers, "in which it is a very difficult thing to make a choice between two men. If I had to pick out a team now to represent the College in Intercollegiate games, I should hardly know whom to pick. There are a lot of good players in College, and the men I have picked out for the All-Fraternity five are a good team."

**Positions Closely Contested.**

Powers was a close man in the choice of forwards, and Griffith. '18 and Russell hard men to cut out in picking the guards. The latter was handicapped and prevented from showing up to top form by poor backing. J. C. Donoghue in Prof Myers' opinion is one of the best defensive guards in College, and a man who has always come up with a basket when it was needed. It was only after much deliberation that he was eliminated from the first two teams.

Center is a well-supplied position as it is almost a toss-up between Banks and Brockway. Griffith '16 and Jessup are both hard players and not to be omitted from consideration.

The men who have been selected were picked out for all around excellence, taking into account the backing, or lack of it, which they received, and their individual skill. McLouth, and Behan, by keeping up to high standard, have retained their places of last year. Root and Pope, also, are on the second five as before.

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**RECITAL ON SATURDAY.**

As announced in **Life** last week, Dr. A. P. Saunders will give his next musicale at his own home on Saturday. The program will be quintets for piano, and string quartet by Schumann and Brahms. Mr. Buhler of Pittsburg, who was here two years ago, will be the pianist, and the string instruments will be played by Miss Littlehales and Miss North of New York.